FRENCH ROCKS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT FUND BOARD OF THE FRENCH ROCKS CIRCLE, AT A MEETING HELD AT FRENCH ROCKS ON THE 5TH OF FEBRUARY 1903.

PRESENT.

N. Venkata Rao, Esq., President.

Official Members.

1. Mr. D. Ranga Rao, Executive Engineer.
2. „ P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Commissioner.
3. „ K. Srikantaiya, Amildar of Seringapatam.
4. „ Krishnaji Narayan, Amildar of Krishnarajpete.
5. „ Kasersing, Amildar of Malvalli.
6. „ Seshagiri Rao, Amildar of Mandya.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Govindappa of Malvalli.
2. „ Nadiga Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete.
3. „ Gundappa of Nagamangala
4. „ N. Subb Rao, Pleader, Seringapatam.
5. „ Chandrasekharaiya, Inamdar.

ABSENT.

Official Members.

1. Mr. P. S. Achyuta Rao, Civil Surgeon.
2. „ A. Krishne Urs, Amildar of Nagamangala.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. K. Shamaiengar of Mandya.
2. „ Srikanta Chetty of French Rocks.

N. B.—Mr. Shaik Abdulla, Deputy Amildar of French Rocks, was also present.

1. Read supplemental budget estimates of expenditure for 1902-03.

Resolved that the estimates be approved for submission to Government for sanction.

2. Read Secretary's docket No. 10489—L. F. 114-02, dated 29th December 1902 desiring to be informed, if the Board are prepared to bear any portion of the cost of a Local Fund Dispensary at Melkote in the event of one being established there.

Resolution.—The Board is not prepared to bear more than a sixth of the whole cost which is estimated at about Rs. 600 per annum.

3. The discussion of budget estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1903-04 was then taken up.

4. *Opening Balance.*—The estimated opening balance for the year is Rs. 8,890.

5. *Receipts.*—The receipts are estimated at Rs. 42,661 and are based upon the average of actuals of the past two years and the local cess on the revenue for 1901-02. Thus the total amount at credit of the Board for the year comes to Rs. 51, 551 including the opening balance.

6. Read statement from the Executive Engineer proposing an expenditure of Rs. 38,374 and statement from the Revenue Department proposing an expenditure of Rs. 6,240.

Resolved that as the above amounts together with the usual Civil charges, *viz*, Rs. 8,815, come to Rs. 53,439, which exceeds the total of the year's income and the opening balance by nearly Rs. 2,000, the expenditures proposed by the Public Works and the Revenue Departments be reduced to Rs. 28,314 and Rs. 3,580, respectively. This reduction results in giving the Board a closing balance of Rs. 10,842 at the end of the year, which is the prescribed minimum to be maintained.

7. Proposed by Mr. Serikantaiya, Amildar of Seringapatam, that an annual grant of Rs. 200 be made for the maintenance of the two miles branch road connecting Balagola with Balamuri, which is a place of great sanctity and importance on account of the Devaraj, Chik Devaraj and Virajanadi anikats, which are there.

Resolved that, for the reasons given, provision be made in the next year's supplemental budget for the grant of Rs. 200 for the maintenance of Balagola-Balamuri road and that Government be requested to sanction an annual allotment of two hundred rupees for this road.

Proposed by Mr. Krishnappa, that in view to enable the Board to carry out some very necessary original works and special improvements, which have been abandoned for several years past, owing to the financial embarassment into which the Board had fallen, Government be again approached and requested to transfer the marginally noted roads to Provincial Funds, as they are believed to have been Provincial roads at one time and are still of sufficient importance to be classed as such.

(1) Seringapatam-Channarayapatna road.
(2) French Rocks Station-Nelligere road.

Resolved that for the very strong reasons given by Mr. Krishnappa, the Board unanimously appove of his proposal being submitted to Government for granting the Board this very urgent and necessary relief to enable it to be efficient for accomplishing the purposes for which it exists. At least a temporary transfer for about five years would be no inconsiderable relief and the Board believes that it may be able to take back these roads at the end of that period without much inconvenience to itself.

N. VENKATA RAO, *President.*